

LESS BRYAN BY DEFAULT TALK

GOV. JOHNSON LOOKED TO WITH HOPE BY MANY DEMOCRATS.

He May Define His Position in a Public Statement—South Avenue to Bryan and Pennsylvania to Follow New York's Program of Not Instructing Delegates.

James M. Guffey, Democratic national committeeman for Pennsylvania and influential Democrat from other States have been in New York city within the last few days discussing the outcome of the Democratic national convention at Denver. Mr. Guffey talked over the situation with important New York State Democrats, and the general impression last night was that Gov. Johnson of Minnesota may decide, within a few days to issue a public statement defining his position. The Democratic State committee of Minnesota by an overwhelming majority has declared for Johnson, and it was the opinion of the visiting Democrats yesterday that the State convention of Minnesota will endorse the action of the State committee by a substantial majority, although the Bryan men are working unceasingly to induce the convention to nullify the action of the committee.

There has been a complete change of sentiment on the part of many Democrats who for the last month or more have believed that it was to be "Bryan by default." The action of the Minnesota State committee, the defeat of the Bryanites in Massachusetts and North Carolina, the determination of the New York Democrats to go uncommitted in the Denver convention and the decision of the Democrats of Pennsylvania to take similar action at their approaching State convention, the defeat of Bryan in Cincinnati and the well known fact that many of Bryan's closest friends in Michigan and Indiana are believed and say so openly that Bryan is not the strongest candidate to name have made many Democrats confident that by the time the Denver convention assembles there will be more than enough delegates in hand to prevent Bryan's nomination by the two-thirds vote requisite in Democratic conventions.

The Southern Democrats, it was pointed out yesterday by the convention to speak on the subject, are not to any means favorable to Bryan's nomination, and this is particularly the case in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. There is also a non-committal feeling in Texas, while in Missouri the situation is greatly tinged. Many Democrats have gone over the recent official pronouncements of Mr. Hearst that he would not support Roosevelt, Bryan or Johnson. Mr. Hearst is to hold his convention late in July, after the Republicans and Democrats have adjourned.

GOV. JOHNSON IS EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON WITHIN A FEW DAYS, AND MAY COME TO NEW YORK CITY TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. PATRICK AT DENVER.

Gov. Johnson is expected in Washington within a few days, and may come to New York city to attend the annual meeting of the Friends of St. Patrick at Denver on March 15. The report was that if Gov. Johnson decides to make no official pronouncement it will be made either in Washington or here. If he can attend the dinner of the Friends of St. Patrick on that occasion will be non-committal.

ST. PATRICK, MARCH 15. GOV. JOHNSON OF MINNESOTA WILL NOT TAKE SECOND PLACE ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET. SUCH AN OFFER WAS SPURNED AS BENEATH THE NOTION OF THE GOVERNOR. NOT EVEN A REPLY WAS MADE. IT IS JOHNSON AT THE HEAD OF THE TICKET OR NOTHING. GOV. JOHNSON STILL MAINTAINS HIS POLICY OF SILENCE, BUT HIS FRIENDS ARE EAGERLY PUSHING HIS CANDIDACY, GOING TO THE EXTENT OF ESTABLISHING HEADQUARTERS IN THE PRINCIPAL EASTERN CITIES.

SAYS TAFT WILL BE NOMINATED.

CONGRESSMAN PERKINS OF THIS STATE THINKS HUGHES HAS NO CHANCE.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—In the felicitous of meeting the President at the White House today Representative Perkins of New York disclosed his opinion that Secretary Taft would be the Republican nominee for the Presidency. Mr. Perkins comes from Rochester and represents the Thirty-second Congressional district. The call on the President was made in company with Representative Tirrell of the Fourth Massachusetts district. They left the White House together, and being interrogated on the subject of their interview with the Executive, Mr. Perkins answered:

"We told the President that Secretary Taft would be nominated at Chicago."

"How about Hughes?" Mr. Perkins was asked.

"Nothing would please the people of New York more than to see Hughes nominated," Mr. Perkins answered, "but when a thing is impossible the next step is to do the best you can. Gov. Hughes is greatly liked by our people, but when he is out of the race three-fourths of the delegates will go to Taft."

"The trouble about the combination against Secretary Taft is that they will not be able to get together upon any one man when they begin to break up. If Speaker Cannon, for instance, should withdraw three-fourths of the delegates from his State would at once go to Taft. When Fairbanks gets out of the contest nearly every man from Indiana will support the Secretary, and the same thing will be true as to Knox and Pennsylvania. I never knew anything that looked surer than the nomination of Taft."

WOODRUFF TO STEP DOWN.

Either by Request From Washington or by Too Many Votes for Taft.

Concerning the report as to the retirement of Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican State committee, there were two statements last night, one by Republicans fresh from Washington and the other by Republicans down for the week end from Albany. The Washington statement was to the effect that Mr. Woodruff could not unite the factions in the State, and the President might deem it advisable in the interest of harmony to ask Mr. Woodruff to withdraw, and that Mr. Woodruff would be very glad to do so if there is a possibility of Taft's nomination. Mr. Woodruff, hoping to be nominated for Vice-President.

The Albany statement was to the effect that Mr. Woodruff would be retired as State chairman and that he would not be nominated for Vice-President, but that good many Republicans in the State now think of electing Representative George R. Malby of Ogdensburg State chairman.

The Woodruff-Parsons people are still confident that the new State committee to be elected at the April convention will be carried out by their friends by a vote of 30 or 32 out of the 38 State committeemen. Their opponents pronounced any such estimate to be silly in the extreme, said that the new State committee will be so evenly divided that for the good of the party in the State it will be deemed advisable by "the wise heads" to retire Mr. Woodruff, but that a few days. It was related last night, whether he is to name these delegates and alternates or whether the convention on April 11 is to act as it seems fit.

PEEP FOR TAFT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 13.—The Tenth district Republican Congressional convention to-day instructed its delegates to the national convention for Taft. O. L. Anderson of Clay county was named as Presidential elector of the district.

HIGGEN ON HEARD TICKET?

BOSTON, March 14.—Thomas L. Higgen of West Springfield, last year the Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate of the Independence League, is being considered for first or second place on Hearst's national ticket, this fall, according to reports here.

STRICTER RULE FOR MARRIAGE.

Archbishop Farley Issues a Pastoral Letter on the New Edict.

A letter issued by Archbishop Farley will be read at all the masses and at vespers in all of the Catholic churches to-day informing the faithful of the enforcement in a more rigorous manner of the Church law in regard to marriage.

The decree upon which the letter was founded was issued by the Sacred Congregation under the authority of Pope Pius X. It will be read in the different dioceses before Easter Sunday, at which date the decree goes into effect.

The purpose of the strict enforcement of the Church law is to prevent hasty and ill considered marriages.

The decree says that no marriage shall be valid in the eyes of the Church unless it is performed by a priest duly authorized and before at least two witnesses. A marriage between two Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic performed by a civil magistrate, although a valid civil or Protestant marriage will be void. Such marriages have up to the present been recognized.

A marriage to be licit must be performed by the pastor of the bride or by a priest delegated by him or by the Bishop of the diocese. Those who are contemplating marriage are instructed to secure positive and correct information as to the time and place of their baptism.

This action of the Church is but another striking instance of the wise and prudent policy she adopts with regard to the holy sacrament of matrimony. Archbishop Farley wrote: "The Church invests this union of man and woman with solemnity of law and form, timely and suitable to conserve the dignity and protect the sanctity of the marriage state. Christ has placed in the keeping of the Church the seven sacraments and of the seven matrimony is most exposed to suffer from perversion of the noble purpose through carnal passion, desecration of its sanctity by marital infidelity and violation of its life binding union by divorce."

WOMAN'S LEAGUE.

New Organization With Sweeping Plans of Reform.

The organization of the Woman's League of the State of New York was announced yesterday. The league is to have branches in every county and women will be invited to join as individuals and as members of various clubs. Its stated objects are "to promote the enforcement of laws affecting women and children, new on the statute books, to seek new legislation where the present laws have proved inadequate, to join hands with those striving for the equalization of wages, reduce illiteracy, work for the civil rights of women and to ameliorate the conditions of women and children in industrial occupations."

The officers are Mrs. Belle de Riven, president; Mrs. Doris Lyon and Mrs. Lydia Comstock, vice-presidents; Mrs. Sarah Dickinson Lewis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert H. Rucker, recording secretary; and Mrs. A. W. Rose, treasurer.

Local organizations have already been effected in twelve counties. Conferences are to be held in various parts of the State in carrying out the objects of the league, the first being arranged for May 16 in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria.

INSISTS ON \$5,000,000 FINE.

Upper Court in Venezuela Indorses Penalty Against Hernandez Asphalt Co.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO, March 14.—Despatches from Caracas dated on Thursday announced that the Superior Court of Venezuela handed down on that day a decision ratifying the judgment of the court of first instance which condemned the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company to pay a fine of \$5,000,000 to the Venezuelan Government for having helped the Matos revolution directed against President Castro.

The amount of the fine is the estimated cost of suppressing the revolution.

The company will appeal to the Court of Cassation.

The fine of \$5,000,000 was imposed on the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company last August. It was the climax of a long and sensational dispute. Unless the United States Government takes up the company's cause against the appeal to the Court of Cassation it is now the only thing to prevent the Venezuelan Government from starting to collect the fine.

It was from American witnesses and from testimony taken before Judges in United States courts that the Venezuelan Government obtained its most important evidence of the part alleged to have been played by the asphalt company in the Matos attempt at revolution. The charge that the company aided the revolution with funds has been substantiated, officials of the company having testified to the truth of this statement in New York in 1903.

This dispute was not the first which the company had with the Castro Administration. When Herbert W. Bowen was American Minister to Caracas the State Department sent what was practically an ultimatum to Venezuela in the interest of the company.

LOST MAIL IN YOKOHAMA.

Pouch of Registered Letters for New York Shipped to Wrong Port.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, March 14.—The missing bag of fifty-seven registered letters, containing mostly bonds and share certificates, which should have been shipped on board the Celtic on January 27, in transit from London to New York, but which mysteriously disappeared, turned up at Yokohama, to which place it was shipped in error. The letters were despatched to New York as soon as the mistake was discovered.

When the letters were first missed English post office authorities were inclined to think they had been mislaid after arrival in the United States. It developed later that a quantity of mail had been sent to Japan on the same day. The find in Yokohama was expected.

TO NAME FATHER'S SUCCESSOR.

Gov. Proctor of Vermont Decides Not to Convene the Legislature.

PROCTOR, VT., March 14.—Gov. Proctor to-day sent to the newspapers of Vermont the following statement: "In view of the public interest manifested in the question the Governor has thought it best to announce through the press that he will not call an extra session of the State Legislature to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate."

The vacancy caused by the death of the Governor's father, Bedford Proctor, will be filled by executive appointment until the opening of the biennial session of the Vermont Legislature on October 7. That body will elect a Senator to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Proctor, which continues until March 3, 1911.

Names that have been mentioned in connection with the appointment are those of former Governor Page, Congressman Foster, former Governor Stewart of Middlebury and President Burdham of the University of Vermont. The first two named and Gov. Proctor himself are mentioned as candidates for election by the Legislature.

TAFT TO BE IN BROOKLYN TOMORROW NIGHT.

Secretary of War William H. Taft and Booker T. Washington will be the principal speakers at the second annual public meeting of the Brooklyn Armistice Association to be held to-morrow evening at Plymouth Church. Robert C. Ogden, president of the Hampton Institute, in behalf of the meeting is held, will preside.

The institution will sing negro folk songs.

JERSEY'S 'BIG FOUR' SELECTED

THE SENATORS NOT AMONG THEM, AND THEY MAY FIGHT.

Fort, Griggs, Murphy and Baird the State.

According to Alleged Agreement of Fort, Bryden and Kuser—They Would Vote for Taft, It Is Said—How Likely.

TRENTON, N. J., March 14.—New Jersey Republicans were jolted to-day by a semi-official announcement that an agreement had been reached that the four delegates at large at the national convention are to be Gov. Fort, ex-Gov. Griggs, ex-Gov. Murphy and State Assessor David Baird. The information was imparted in such a positive way as to make clear that nothing remains for the Republican State convention to do but to ratify the choice as agreed upon by a conference of leaders who are confident of their ability to control absolutely the actions of the convention.

It was also given out for the guidance of delegates to the convention that the delegates at large are to go uninstructed, but will cast their votes for Secretary Taft.

The conclusive argument in favor of the delegates mentioned has been advanced as follows: As agreed upon, the Governor and Mr. Murphy, while residents of Essex county, will be considered as representing the entire State, the former because he is Governor and the latter by virtue of the fact that he is chairman of the State committee. Because of this fact it has been conceded that the remaining two should come from the northern and southern ends of the State, and Mr. Baird of Camden for the latter and Mr. Griggs of Passaic for the former, are named to complete the slate that the State convention is expected to select.

One interesting fact was omitted in connection with the announcement of the slate, namely that it had been agreed upon by ex-United States Senator John F. Dryden, his son-in-law, Col. Anthony R. Kuser, and Gov. Fort. Mr. Dryden is the recognized leader of the Taft forces in New Jersey, and it is reliably stated that Col. Kuser has given his friends to understand that his father-in-law would spare no effort to prevent either of the present United States Senators from going to the convention.

The Senators, who are rated as being lukewarm in the Taft cause, are not likely to give up without a struggle. Senator Briggs denied to-day a report that he might go to the convention as a district delegate. He said it had been the custom of the party to send the United States Senators as delegates at large and he believed the custom would not be departed from. This is taken to mean that Senator Briggs at least will make a final fight for one of the four places. It has been the understanding for some time that he did not propose to step aside upon the mere request of the Taft managers.

The State committee will meet at Newark next Thursday, when it is expected a call will be issued for a State convention to be held on April 14. The delegates will be chosen under the old plan instead of by direct primaries.

PARSONS SAYS ODELL'S THE FOE

And Seeking to Regain Control Here and in the State.

Chairman Herbert Parsons of the Republican county committee declared yesterday that the effort Odell was making to capture control of the local Republican organization had for its object only domination of the State committee by Odell and that Odell was not now and never had been acting in the interests of Gov. Hughes in the attempt he is making to split up the local organization.

"The Odell men mean to make fights in several districts in the coming primary elections," Mr. Parsons said, "and while the results of those primaries will not determine the control of the organization, for the reason that the present officers cannot be removed until the annual meeting in December, yet the March primaries will have an important bearing on the situation. Odell is fighting to regain control of the local and State Republican organizations, and if he has success at the March elections it will encourage him and his followers to make a similar fight at the fall primary elections. There is no use disguising the fact that we are face to face once more with the old issue as to whether the Republican organization of this county shall control itself or whether it shall be governed from Newburgh."

"Mr. Odell professes to be in support of the candidacy of Gov. Hughes, but he is really always been in favor of an uninstructed delegation, and you will remember at the meeting of the county committee at which I insisted on the passing of a resolution favoring an instructed delegation for the Governor, Mr. Halpin, Odell's chief lieutenant in this city tried, at the moment to avoid going on record as voting on the resolution."

Mr. Parsons does not hesitate to say that he is confident of beating Odell at both primaries.

COUNTING TAFT NOSES.

Of 178 Delegates Named So Far 140 Accounted His.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 14.—The Taft bureau announced to-day that with the action of this week's conventions 140 out of 178 delegates elected to the Republican national convention in States having 358 votes are pledged to Secretary Taft's nomination. Taft captured Nebraska's four delegates at large and eight district delegates, six Ohio district delegates, Oklahoma's four delegates at large and two district delegates against whom contest is brought and two Kentucky district delegates against whom two Fairbanks delegates were named.

In Virginia two district delegates were named to support a candidate pledged to carry out Roosevelt policies.

In St. Louis the Neidringhaus faction in two districts named delegates instructed for Hughes, making for him the two already selected from the Third St. Louis district. Fairbanks's delegates outside the twenty-six Indiana delegates are those named in the First Kentucky district.

As the tabulation stands, outside of Taft's 140 delegates, twenty-six are Fairbanks, six are uninstructed and thirty are contested. This week Iowa and New Mexico will hold State conventions on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

Tennessee Republicans will gather on March 25, Illinois and Rhode Island on March 29, and Porto Rico on March 29. Of these the Taft men are said to look for victory in Iowa, Tennessee and Porto Rico, and possibly in New Mexico.

CONNERS MAY HOLD ON.

If Bryan Is Not Nominated State Chairman Won't Be Changed.

There has been a very general understanding among New York State Democrats that with the patching up of peace between Mayor McClellan and Charles F. Murphy a new chairman of the State committee to succeed William J. Connors of Buffalo. Somehow, according to the best information last night, a cog has slipped.

Mr. Connors has been very outspoken in his opposition to Mr. Bryan, whereas it has been the absolute determination that the New York State delegation should go to Denver unbiased and unpledged, with but a single view when on the ground to consult with the Democrats from every corner of the country as to the availability of all candidates for the Presidency.

The situation concerning Mr. Connors was summed up thus: If Bryan is not nominated at Denver Connors will be continued as State chairman, while should Bryan be nominated Connors will retire and give place to Palmer.



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TAFT PROMPTLY DENIES IT.

Isn't Looking for Delegates in Any Favorite Son State.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Despatches from Chicago in the morning newspapers to the effect that Secretary Taft's managers had decided to invade Illinois and work for instructions for himself in disregard of the policy he laid down in his letter to Representative Herbert Parsons occasioned much comment and some criticism among the followers of Speaker Cannon to-day. But Secretary Taft put a prompt disclaimer on the rumor and to-night he is no longer open to the accusation of disregarding the "gentlemen's agreement" and going after the favorite son States.

"The reported movement in Illinois to demand instructions for me was undertaken without my knowledge and is not in accord with the request that I have made of my friends in Illinois," said Secretary Taft. "Several days ago, before the matter reported in the press despatches from Chicago were published, I wrote to friends in that State saying that the same policy I laid down in my letter to Representative Parsons regarding New York held good in Illinois."

Secretary Taft was very much in earnest in what he said. It was plain from his manner that he wanted to be understood as strictly observing the rule he had laid down earlier in the campaign not to make a fight for delegates in the State of any favorite son.

The story from Chicago told of the alleged plans of James E. McMurtry, president of the Chicago Taft Club, to go after delegates in Illinois for Mr. Taft, and carried the information that he had decided upon this course after a conference with Arthur I. Vorys, Taft's manager at Columbus.

The Cannon boomers were not disturbed apparently by the activities of Mr. McMurtry, whom they described as a man of little influence in Illinois politics, but they did attach importance to the statement that he was working in accordance with the plans of the Taft managers.

IOWANS FOR TAFT.

Seventh District Wants No Sure About Endorsing Cummins.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 14.—At the Seventh district Congressional convention to-day C. R. Quade of Ames and Loren Hays of Knoxville were elected district delegates and instructed to vote for Taft "first, last and all the time."

The convention adopted the tariff plan recently adopted by the Ohio Republicans. There was a sharp fight over the resolution endorsing Cummins for United States Senator, three counties out of the six in the district filing a minority report endorsing Allison. As Cummins's home county had the largest number of delegates the Cummins resolution was adopted.

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ELIOT-BLOSSOM.—On Tuesday, March 3, 1903, at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Pasadena, Cal., by Bishop J. H. Johnson, assisted by Archdeacon J. T. Russell of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Rev. William McCormack of All Saints' Church, Ellen Rowena Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blossom of New York city, and John Vesper Eliot of Pasadena, Cal.

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BOYLE.—On Saturday, March 14, Lemuel Thomas Boyle, beloved husband of Catherine S. Boyle, died at his residence, 210 West 80th St., New York City, at 9:30 A. M. Cause: heart failure. Burial at Trinity Cemetery, New York City, on Monday, March 16, at 10:30 A. M.

FLAGG.—Mortimer Kennedy Flagg, at his residence, Gamefather Farm, Briarcliff Manor, Westchester county, on March 14, 1903.

JENNINGS.—On Wednesday, March 11, 1903, at Rochester, N. Y., Correll R. Jennings, beloved son of Edward James, Mary Lily and Robert Emmet Jennings, died at 10:30 A. M.

KANE.—Theodore Frederick Kane, Admiral, United States Navy, very suddenly, at the Park Avenue Hotel in this city on Saturday morning, March 14, 1903, in the 66th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at Trinity Chapel, 25th St., near Broadway, on Tuesday morning, March 17, 1903, at 10:30 o'clock.

RICKER.—On Saturday, March 14, Betsy Ricker, in the 84th year of her age. Funeral services at the residence of Mrs. George R. Dimock, 807 North 43rd St., Milwaukee, Wis., on Monday, March 16, at 4:30 P. M.

SALTER.—At Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday, March 10, of pneumonia, in her 81st year, Mary Elizabeth Salter, widow of Dr. George H. C. Salter. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral from Church of the Puritans, 180th St. and 3d av., on Sunday, March 15, at 11 P. M. Interment at Woodlawn.

VALENTINE.—On Saturday, March 14, 1903, at her residence, 446 Central Park West, Margaret S. Valentine, daughter of the late George H. and Priscilla S. Putner. Funeral private.